

# Grant Funding Resource List



If you have a child with a special health care need or disability and are in need of financial assistance, you may be eligible for one or more of the following grants.



**Vermont Family Network**  
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## Vermont Grants

### [Vermont Family Network](#)

Multiple options listed.  
Navigate to:  
[vermontfamilynetwork.org](http://vermontfamilynetwork.org),  
Services & Support tab, Family Support >, Funding Opportunities page.

[Zoe's Race](#) is a Howard Center program to help families fund home modifications. Families must be receiving services from Howard Center to be considered.

[Epilepsy Foundation Vermont](#) scholarships for children and teenagers with epilepsy living in VT to attend a camp of their choice.

[Lions Club](#) find a local chapter in VT to help people in need obtain eyeglasses.

[VT Center for Independent Living Sue Williams Freedom Fund \(SWFF\)](#) provides funding for services and equipment to help people with disabilities achieve or maintain independence in their own homes.

[Rebuilding Together-Greater Burlington](#) volunteers help repair homes for VT families with limited resources. This may include building a ramp.

[Vermont Center for Independent Living The Home Access Program \(HAP\)](#) provides home entry and bathroom accessibility modifications for low-income Vermonters with physical disabilities. These modifications increase opportunities for participation in the civic and social life of the community.



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## National Grants

[United Healthcare Children's Foundation](#) medical grants to help children 16 or younger gain access to health-related services not covered, or not fully covered, by their family's commercial health insurance plan. Families must be income eligible.

[First Hand Foundation](#) for families with children under 18, which covers treatment, equipment, travel expenses and vehicle modifications not covered by insurance.

[The Maggie Welby Foundation](#) Grants or scholarships for families with school-aged children K-12 for camps, medical bills, and other special needs.

[Aubrey Rose Foundation](#) Financial assistance with medical expenses.

[Songs of Love Foundation](#) Free personalized songs written for children ages 1-21 who are facing life-threatening and life-limiting mental, emotional and physical challenges.

[Fund It Forward](#) for families who have a child with a diagnosed disability or medical condition and is in need of a medical device or equipment that can enhance the quality of their life.

[Different Needz Foundation](#) for medical equipment or services for individuals with developmental disabilities.

[Giving Angels Foundation](#) for low-income families with a child, birth to 21 years, with a special need.

[Shriners Hospitals for Children](#) Financial Assistance for families receiving care at Shriners Hospital that are income eligible and needing assistance with medical expenses.

[The gsf. and Project Mariposa](#) for anyone with Spinal Muscular Atrophy, apply for iPads, and iTunes gift cards to build app library.

[Modest Needs](#) provides emergency grants for low-income families.

[Jett Foundation](#) provides medical and accessibility equipment to families that have a child with Duchenne's muscular dystrophy that insurance won't cover.

[Ben's Blanket](#) offers at-cost and free weighted blankets to children with disabilities. Blankets are made to fit the height and weight of the child who will use the blanket.

[Special Kids Fund](#) provides help to children, adults and disabled veterans with accessible vans.

[Stepping Stones for Stella](#) provides buggies for sand or snow to children with disabilities.

## National Grants, continued

[My Gym Challenged America \(MGCA\)](#) accepts applications from or on behalf of children with physical, cognitive or developmental disabilities and those coping with chronic illness. Requests, limited to gifts of \$500 or less, may include but are not limited to: rehabilitative therapy, assistive devices, medical equipment and sensory items.

[Partnership for Prescription Assistance](#) will help find prescription assistance for medications, free of charge.

[Peach's Neet Feet](#) provides services that include distributing personalized shoes to children with a chronic illness and disability; organizing and sending care packages to families with children inpatient or in hospice; provides workshops for school-aged children to encourage kindness; and provides supportive art programs.

[Travis Roy Foundation](#) assistance for adaptive equipment for families in financial need that have a family member with a spinal cord injury. Survivors with paraplegia and quadriplegia paralysis must be due to a spinal cord injury that was caused by an accident, separate from complications caused at birth.

[Team Impact](#) connects children with serious or chronic illness to local college athletic teams.

[USGS](#) free, lifetime Access Pass to National Parks and Federal Recreational Lands for U.S. citizens who have a permanent disability. \$10 processing fee.

[Challenged Athletes Foundation](#) grants for Paralympic sports related needs.

[Santa's Little Hackers](#) makes modifications to toys for children that have varying abilities so that all children can access toys independently.

[Icing Smiles](#) works with bakers to provide a free birthday cake to child or sibling impacted by a serious illness.

[Wheel Chairs 4 Kids](#) provide children with physical disabilities with wheelchairs, small home and vehicle modifications as well as assistive devices such as gait trainers, standers, hoier lifts, etc. Provide fun events for children in wheelchairs and donate gently used equipment.

[Sweet Dreams for Kids](#) donates free pajamas to children in hospitals.

[Lara's Gowns for Smiles](#) provides colorful hospital gowns for children in hospitals.





## National Grants, continued

[Holton's Heroes](#) assists families affected by post birth traumatic brain injury.

[Feel Better Friends](#) sends children with cancer and other illness a crocheted doll stuffed with love and well wishes.

[Shadow Buddies](#) sends a doll buddy to your child for emotional support in time of need.

[Wishers and Dreamers](#) free hospital gowns for your child's doll, bear or little buddy.

[Gracie's Gowns](#) free custom made hospital gowns for children with chronic and life-threatening illnesses.

[Project Fairy Dust & Magic Wands](#) provides handmade tiaras for princesses in need.

[Hugginz by Angel](#) provides blankets and pillows for children dealing with serious illness, medical condition or tragedy.

[Tiny Superheroes](#) personalized superhero capes for children with an illness, medical condition or disability.

[Ween Dream](#) gives Halloween costumes to children who have unique challenges.

[Sharing the Weight](#) free weighted blanket for children with special needs.

[Graham's Foundation](#) care packages for parents with premature babies in the neonatal intensive care unit.

[Blanket Hugs](#) sends blankets, care packages to children with life threatening illnesses.

[The Magic Yarn Project](#) provides homespun yarn wigs embellished to resemble princesses, for children fighting cancer.

## Camps and Respite

[Believe in Tomorrow Children's Foundation](#) provides respite housing to critically ill children and their families year round.

[David's Refuge](#) provides respite, resources and support to parents and guardians of children with special needs or life threatening medical conditions where they will be refreshed, restored and renewed in their role as caregivers.

[The Center for Courageous Kids](#) medical summer camp and family respite weekends for children that are seriously ill. Summer camp is for children ages 7-16 and family retreat weekends is for children ages 5-17. Medical center on site.

[Camp Sunshine](#) retreat in Maine for families that have children with a life-threatening illness.

## Speech and Language Disorders

[AAC Funding Help](#) updated information about programs that cover and provide funding for Augmentative and Alternative Communication Devices.

[Small Steps in Speech](#) to help children ages 3-22 with speech and language disorders. Will help cover therapies, treatments and communication devices.

## Epilepsy and Seizure Disorders

[J Kiffin Penry Patient Travel Assistance Fund](#) traveling more than 50 miles to receive FDA-approved medical care or treatment for epilepsy/a seizure disorder.

[Josh Provides](#) grants for seizure response dogs, medical services, seizure detection and predication devices and other technologies not covered by insurance related for people living with epilepsy or other seizure disorders.

[Chelsea Hutchison Foundation](#) provides support and assistance for children and young adults with epilepsy. Provides seizure monitoring and seizure assistance dogs.

[The Danny Did Foundation](#) provides seizure/epilepsy devices to children in need.





## Travel

Families can contact airlines to see if there are any donated airline miles that can be used towards a flight for medical appointments.

[Air Charity Network](#) Free air transportation to health care facilities for families who are income eligible and are in need of transportation.

[Patient Travel Referral Program](#) a program of Mercy Medical Angels, provides information about all forms of charitable, long-distance medically-related transportation and provides referrals to all appropriate sources of help available in the national charitable medical transportation network.

[Miracle Flights](#) Free flights for distance, specialized care and second opinions.

[Angel Wheels](#) Provides non-emergency, long-distance ground transportation to financially disadvantaged, ambulatory patients who are traveling for treatment.

[Patient Airlift Services Northeast](#) free air transportation for individuals receiving medical care for acute or chronic health conditions in the Northeast.

[Angel Flight NE](#) Free flights for children and their families traveling for medical care that have limited financial resources. Majority of patients are traveling within the Northeast.

[Project Angel Fares](#) provides all travel expenses to visit Morgan's Wonderland, an all-accessible amusement park.

## Wish Programs

[Children's Wish Foundation International](#) The child must be under the age of 18 at the time of the application. The child must have been diagnosed with a life-threatening illness. The child must not have received, or be in the process of receiving a wish.

[Hunt of a Lifetime](#) grants hunting and fishing dreams for seriously ill children through the age of 21.

[Make-A-Wish Vermont](#) grants wishes to make life better for kids with life-threatening medical conditions.

[The Marty Lyons Foundation](#) grants wishes to children to children 3-17 that have been diagnosed with a terminal or life threatening disease. Child must be receiving treatment in Massachusetts or one of the other participating states, otherwise there is no VT chapter.

## Wish Programs, continued

[Sunshine Foundation](#) grants for children that are chronically ill, seriously ill, physically challenged and abused, ages 3-18 from all over the country.

[Do It For The Love](#) brings people with life-threatening illnesses, children with severe challenges and wounded veterans to live concerts.

[Dream Foundation](#) fulfills dreams to adults, 18 and older, that have a limiting illness with a life expectancy of nine months or less.

[Cherished Creations](#) provides wishes for seriously ill children through the age of 21. Grants special requests for practical items not covered by insurance such as small generators and recycles furniture and clothes.

[Outdoor Dream Foundation](#) grants outdoor adventures to children who have been diagnosed with terminal or life-threatening illnesses.

[Catch-A-Dream Foundation](#) provides hunting and fishing experiences to children 18 and under with a life-threatening illness.

## Autism

[Act Today! Autism Care and Treatment](#) provides funding for effective treatments, assessments and needed life supports for families affected by autism.

[Doug Flutie Foundation](#) to meet families' needs by ensuring access to services, active lifestyles, and adult independence.

[Autism Speaks](#) provides support for families affected by autism during natural disasters and other catastrophic life events. The program helps families to cover costs associated with critical expenses related to the well-being of the family member with autism on a case-by-case basis.

[Danny's Wish](#) provides free iPads to families of nonverbal children with Autism.

[National Autism Association, Give A Voice Program](#) provides communication devices to individuals with autism who are non-verbal or minimally verbal, and whose communication challenges put them at increased risk of injury or harm.

[MyGOAL Autism](#) grants for families of children with autism for therapies and programs not covered by insurance.







## Hearing

### [Miracle-Ear Children's Foundation](#)

free hearing aids, services and support materials to children and adults with limited income and are not receiving resources through Medicaid, insurance or state or federal programs.

### [Foundation for Sight and Sound](#)

provides high quality hearing aids for income eligible families. Application fee of \$125 and funding is considered a last resort. Families must exhaust all other resources for payment (credit, mutual funds, 401(k) plans).

[Dorothy Ames Trust Fund](#) provides grants for purchase of hearing aids and auditory trainers for children that are deaf living in New England.

[Alexander Graham Bell Association for the Deaf & Hard of Hearing](#) a variety of resources, including financial aid for members.

### [Starkey Hearing Foundation Hear Now Program](#)

provides hearing aids to families that have limited resources for acquiring hearing aids. The Hear Now program requires that a local professional volunteer help with the fitting and any follow-up that may be needed.

### [Travelers Protective Society of America](#)

financial aid for people that are deaf or hearing impaired obtain hearing devices, specialized treatment, speech classes, note takers, interpreters and more.

[The Hike Fund](#) for children under the age of 20 who have a need for hearing aids or an assistive hearing device. Family annual income must be less than \$100,000.

## Adaptive Bicycles



[Vermont Ambucs](#) provides Amtryke therapeutic tricycles for individuals who are not able to ride a traditional bike. Open house with bike fitting in May of each year.

[McLindon Family Foundation](#) for children with special needs that want to ride a bike and need an adapted bicycle.

[Kelly Brush Foundation](#) For those that have experienced a spinal cord injury and need adaptive sport equipment in order to lead an active life.



## Service Dogs

[Canines for Kids](#) provides scholarships to training program to help children with a physical or physiological disability or autism receive canine assistance.

[Canine Assistant](#) covers medical, food and training costs for service dogs.

[Canine Companion for Independence](#) breeds, raises and trains service dogs, hearing dogs, skilled companions and facility dogs.

## Cancer

[Jesse Rees Foundation](#) the *Year of Joy Program* provides a year of hope, joy and love for children and their families with cancer.

[Clayton Dabney Foundation](#) for children under 18 with cancer. Assists limited income families in making memories during end stage cancer.

[Love Your Melon](#) an apparel brand dedicated to giving a free hat to children with cancer.

[Cancer Patient Support Foundation](#) emergency assistance funding for patients with cancer and their families, all other funding options must be exhausted.

## Cardiac Care

[Ethan M. Lindberg](#) grants for families traveling to Boston Children's Hospital for cardiac care.

[Eli's Heart](#) helping families with travel expenses for medical care.

## Search Websites with Various Grants

[Needy Meds](#) database of resources to help families pay for prescriptions, camps. Diagnosis-based assistance.

[Do Not Pay In Full](#) blog created by a mom with a bunch of funding and dream sites.

